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(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Ulrich Riegel et al.

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For: Swellable Hydrogel-Forming Polymers
Having High Permeability

Examiner: James W. Taylor II

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 9, 2008, applicants are required to elect one of the following groups of claims:

Group I, claims 1-17, directed to a composition;

Group II, claims 18-20, directed to a method of preparing the composition; or

Group III, claim 22, also directed to a process of preparing the composition.

Applicants hereby elect the claims of examiner's Group I, namely, claims 1 through 17, inclusive, with traverse, for examination on the merits at this time. It should be noted that the Office Action states that Group III is directed to a method of using the composition. This is incorrect. Group III, i.e., claim 22, is directed to a method of preparing a composition of claim 1.